

*U.S. Patent Application 10/781,172
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In the specification:

Replace the paragraph on page 1, line 10, beginning with the words *A deer call in accordance with the ...* and ending on page 1, line 16, with the words *be made without any particular skills associated with playing musical instruments*, with the following paragraph:

A deer call in accordance with the disclosed invention comprises a barrel assembly with a reed positioned within it. When a user forces air from the inlet end of the barrel assembly, air passes over and vibrates the reed, and an animal sound is simulated. Alternatively air may be passed through the deer call by the user drawing air from the distal end of the barrel assembly. The air may be drawn by placing the user's mouth at the outlet end of the barrel assembly and inhaling. Axial movement (by which is meant herein "movement along an axis") of a tone-adjusting metal slider along the axis of the reed allows the user to vary the tone of the sound produced by the call, that is, its pitch. Thus the animal sound can be made without any particular skills associated with playing musical instruments.

Replace the paragraph on page 1, line 17, beginning with the words *The present invention provides* and ending on page 2, line 5, with the words *manner, as a bellow* with the following paragraph:

The present invention provides a deer call having a metal slider, e.g. of brass, which is adjusted longitudinally by means of an upstanding tab extending outside of the barrel assembly. This permits the user to change the pitch by moving a contact point where the metal slider clamps the reed. The metal slider is desirably adapted to be clamped against the reed at any of an infinite number of locations. Axially moving the metal slider results in a change in the clamping position on the reed, thus changing pitch. Additionally, a removable extension hose, optionally provided at an end opposite the mouthpiece end of the barrel assembly, can be used to increase sound volume as by resonance and is typically constructed to be expanded or contracted in an accordion-like manner, as a bellows.